The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

Title: Reference made to the passing away of SPi Vishnu Datt Sharma, Member of 12th Lok Sabha and Sitting member of 13th Lok Sabha on 27.11.2001.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the said demise this morning of one of our esteemed colleagues, SPi Vishno Datt Sharma.

SPi Vishno Datt Sharma was a sitting member of Lok Sabha representing Jammu Parliamentary Constituency of Jammu & Kashmir. He was also a member of Twelfth Lok Sabha during 1998-99 representing the same Parliamentary Constituency.

Earlier, he was a member of Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly from 1996 to 1998, and President, Municipal Council, Jammu in 1972.

An active parliamentarian, SPi Sharma took keen interest in the proceedings of the House. He served as a member of the Committee on Home Affairs from 1998 to 2000 and Joint Parliamentary Committee on the functioning of Wakf Boards during 1999-2000. He was also a member of the Consultative Committees of the Ministries of Defence and Civil Aviation.

An Ayurvedic medical practitioner by profession, SPi Sharma dedicated his entire life to the improvement of indigenous system of medicine and vigorously promoted Ayurveda. He was awarded fellowship of National Council for Indian System of Medicine.

SPi Vishno Datt Sharma passed away in the early hours today at New Delhi at the age of 75.

We deeply mourn the loss of our respected colleague and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow the 28th November, 2001 at 11 a.m..

11.04 Ps.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on[r1] Wednesday, November 28, 2001/Agrahayana 7, 1923 (Saka).

[r1] Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).